



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)**  
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)  
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

**Agency:** Washington State Department of Agriculture

**Subject of possible rule making:**

Chapter 16-54 WAC Animal Importation  
Amendment to WAC 16-54-082(1) Domestic bovine animals. Tuberculosis.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:**

To prevent the introduction and dissemination of Bovine Tuberculosis among the cattle of Washington State.

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:**

Bovine Tuberculosis is a contagious bacterial disease-affecting cattle, caused by *Mycobacterium bovis*. Bovine Tuberculosis may be transmitted to people through contact with infected animals. Bovine Tuberculosis has been diagnosed in dairy cattle in Arizona, California, New Mexico and Michigan.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:**

USDA-APHIS, Veterinary Services. RCW 16.36.100 authorizes the Director of WSDA to cooperate with agencies of Washington, other states and the Federal Government. Washington State will join 34 other states that require dairy cows and bulls six months of age or older to be tested for bovine Tuberculosis 60 days prior to entering the state.

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- ☐ Negotiated rule making  
☐ Pilot rule making  
☐ Agency study  
☒ Other (describe)

Due to the seriousness of preventing the introduction and dissemination of Bovine Tuberculosis among dairy cattle of Washington State, the Department of Agriculture has been making individual contact with affected stakeholder organizations directly regarding the rule proposal. In addition, other communication tools will be utilized regarding this matter. All interested persons are encouraged to contact the agency contact person below with their questions or comments.

**How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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